

# Mount Stuart News

December 2013

Postal Address: PO Box 116, North Hobart TAS 7002

E-mail: [secretary@mountstuarttas.org.au](mailto:secretary@mountstuarttas.org.au)

Editors: Marilyn Pinkard Ph 6228 5743

Malcolm Grant Ph 6234 6672

Web: [www.mountstuarttas.org.au](http://www.mountstuarttas.org.au)

Jennifer Dunbabin Ph 6231 6626

Lynden Howells Ph 6234 1024



## SEASON'S GREETINGS

We wish you a safe and happy Christmas season and a special welcome to all new residents. We hope you enjoy your time here.



*I wish all Mount Stuart residents a happy and safe Christmas/ New Year period as you enjoy time with family and friends. I am available anytime by phone or email should there be government issues with which I can assist.*

**Rob Valentine MLC**

**Independent Member for Hobart**

**Office: Parliament House, Murray St**

**PH: 6212 2344**

**E: [rob.valentine@parliament.tas.gov.au](mailto:rob.valentine@parliament.tas.gov.au)**



time. Have the car packed with the things that you want to save if you have to leave. A written plan will help you think through the actions logically, and give you something to refer to when a bushfire breaks out nearby. A wealth of useful advice is available on the TFS website [www.fire.tas.gov.au](http://www.fire.tas.gov.au)

Publications to assist you in preparing your plan include:

- Bushfire Survival Plan booklet
- Leave Early Checklist
- Stay and Defend Checklist
- Emergency Kits



Fern Tree residents, in collaboration with Tas Fire Service, have established groups as part of the Bushfire Ready Neighbourhoods Program. These local community groups focus on discussing and implementing bushfire prevention, preparedness and response regimes and provide a model for sustained community bushfire preparedness. People need to be aware of their neighbours and to look out for everyone, especially those living alone, or with disabilities.



The convenor of the meeting, Margaret Steadman is convening follow-up meetings to work on establishing similar Bushfire Ready groups in our suburbs.

## Christmas Trees

**Lenah Valley Volunteer Fire Brigade will be selling Christmas Trees on Sat 7<sup>th</sup>, Sun 8<sup>th</sup>, Sat 14<sup>th</sup> and Sun 15<sup>th</sup> December from 9am to 4.30pm and Tues 10<sup>th</sup> and Tues 17<sup>th</sup> from 5pm to 7pm at the station in Kalang Avenue, Lenah Valley (next to the Roy Fagan Centre). Funds raised go towards buying equipment for the brigade.**



The Fire Service stresses that in times of bushfire, the most important measure is to have a plan either to stay and defend or to leave, and to be ready to implement that plan in plenty of



## MOUNT STUART SCOUT NEWS

As another year wraps up, Mount Stuart can celebrate another year of great Scouting. And we're also celebrating reaching the 100 mark! At the time of writing the group has 77 young people, 13 leaders, three adult supporters, and seven committee members on the books.



The Joeys, Cubs, Scouts and Venturers have all had busy years with highlights including camps, walks, creative adventures, and group activities. Many have achieved awards, including the Promise Challenge and Grey Wolf. One of our leaders, Chris Ballard, achieved the highest award you can achieve as a Youth in Scouting, the Baden-Powell Award. Some of our leaders were also awarded for their good service. These awards represent the many hours of work and dedication that all our members put in. It is pleasing to have a strong group of young people and adults who enjoy the adventures of Scouting and also enjoy learning and growing together and making a contribution to the community.

Mount Stuart Scout Group has recently established a relationship with the New Town Rivulet Catchment Care Group Inc. and we hope to have an ongoing connection and support the massive job they have of caring for the 9.5km Rivulet Catchment from 'Lost World' on Mt Wellington to the River Derwent. We have already had two clean-ups with Scouts, Cubs, leaders and parents volunteering a couple of hours of their time to spread mulch along the Rivulet at Creek Road. This mulch will help remediate the soil by putting nutrients back in and stopping the growth of weeds, to allow for later plantings of natives. Those involved have had a great time.

The group would like to thank the Mount Stuart Community Service Association for its support throughout this and previous years. We continue to enjoy using the Memorial



Hall as our home base, as the group has done from our very beginnings over 50 years ago. We are also thankful for the support from the community and our parents. To see more of what is going on in Scouts, go to [www.mtstuartscouts.org](http://www.mtstuartscouts.org)



Wishing you all a safe and happy Christmas and New Year... We look forward to more Scouting in 2014!

## HARD WORK REWARDED

Congratulations to Weerona Ave resident Dr Kerry Howells and her associate Ruth Radford, the Partnerships in Teaching Excellence team, on winning the Award for Programs that Enhance Learning. Their work prepares student teachers for assignment to tougher schools where the students have more difficulties. The awards are given by the Office of Teaching and Learning. Very valuable work!



## WEBSITE UPDATES

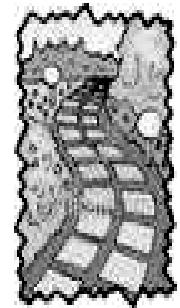
The list of hall bookings has not been published in this edition. In the New Year, we plan to publish this regularly on our website: [www.mountstuarttas.org.au](http://www.mountstuarttas.org.au) This means that you always have up to date information.

## MORE ABOUT THOSE BACK TRACKS AND WALKWAYS

Thank you to those who provided feedback about the article and map in the last newsletter. We hear that many others were pleased to see it. Please email your thoughts – including the pros and cons of identifying the walkways with signs.

Suggestions for a distinctive collective name have included:

|              |             |
|--------------|-------------|
| Footways     | Backtracks  |
| Pathways     | Walkways    |
| Thistle ways | By-ways     |
| This-a-ways  | Escape-ways |



One respondent tells us of a place in Yorkshire where they were called "snickets". What do you think?

*David Reeve: dareeve@iinet.net.au*

### eco-Bikes

ELECTRIC BIKE SPECIALISTS

#### *Zoom up the hills*

Level 1, 100 Elizabeth St, Hobart

[www.eco-Bikes.com.au](http://www.eco-Bikes.com.au) (03) 9005 6262

12.30-5.30pm weekday

# Holiday Pet Care

- Pet Minding •Pet Feeding
- House Sitting •Dog Walking
- Pet Taxi

Home stay dog boarding

For all your holiday pet care needs  
call the Pet Care Specialists

Kimberly's Pet Taxi & Pet Services

0428 568 852  
[www.pettaxi.net](http://www.pettaxi.net).



TZ0813

## TRAFFIC

The HCC has local advisory traffic committees where Council officers, aldermen and community representatives meet, usually twice a year, and discuss traffic issues. If you are interested in being part of this, even occasionally, contact HCC's Community Consultation Officer on 6238 2985 or contact the Progress Association. We know that traffic issues are a major concern for most residents.



## MOUNT STUART PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

### – PLANNING AND DREAMING

Our August General Meeting was advertised as an occasion for brainstorming and future planning. Twelve Mount Stuart residents attended, and offered a range of ideas. Since then, the Committee has talked more about many of them.



Some of our plans and dreams for 2014 and beyond are listed below. But we want this to be *your* association, so please give us your responses to the ideas.

### A change of name

'Progress Association' seems rather outdated. At present we are thinking of a change to 'Community Association', but let us know if you think you have a better idea! What about 'association'? Should that word change too?

Changes to our constitution would need to be foreshadowed at our AGM early next year, (probably 27<sup>th</sup> March) and perhaps also a change of name for the body that runs the

hall, e.g. from 'Mount Stuart Community Service Association' to 'Mount Stuart Hall Association'.

### Clarifying our purpose

We don't anticipate a major change here, but it is a chance to state what we are here for in a clear and current way.

### Community/Open Day

An occasion – 22<sup>nd</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup> March – for groups and individuals in Mount Stuart, and tenants of the Hall, to participate in displays, activities and information sessions of interest to our community.



### Regular Community Forums

We are still developing this idea, but wonder about two or three occasions a year when we focus on topics relevant to our community.

### Council Forums

Mount Stuart will also be the location for one of two Community Forums planned by the City Council to inform and seek feedback on Council plans and activities. More details on this early in 2014.

### Seniors Activities

We'd like to organise one or two activities for Seniors Week in early October next year.



### An updated and improved website

A small group is working on this. We'd like it to be as informative and useful as possible for residents and for prospective Hall users.

### Mount Stuart in the Media

One idea is for a Media Officer to ensure that news and notices are brought to the attention of the wider community.

### Supporting other Mount Stuart groups

We want to support and work closely with the Mount Stuart Primary School (the Principal joined us for our November committee meeting), the Mount Stuart Growers and others.

A safe and happy Christmas season and thank you for all your support in 2013.

Kindest regards

Alderman Eva Ruzicka and family

Phone: 6239 1317 or 0407 391 317

Fax: 6239 1738

E-mail: [eva@ruzicka.id.au](mailto:eva@ruzicka.id.au)

Authorised by E. Ruzicka,  
699 Huon Rd. Fern Tree





## The Art Society of Tasmania

### What's On

**Dec:** *Election* – to 12 January 2014

New members show off their talents

**7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Ceramics sale

Choose something for Xmas!

**Jan:** Workshopped

The best from our 2013 workshops

**Feb:** Hazel Howie feature artist

Artworks “On the Wild Side”

### LADY FRANKLIN GALLERY

Open 11am - 5pm Saturdays & Sundays

268 Lenah Valley Rd [www.artstas.com.au](http://www.artstas.com.au)



### VALLEY STREET BUSHCARE GROUP

Well, we have just finished all our working bees for the year. I would like to thank local residents, Malcolm Grant, Marj Wall, Jo Petrov and Marlene Chesney for all their support and hard work during the year along with the Hobart City Council Bush Crew who do a wonderful job throughout all our city reserves. The Valley St Bushcare Group will not meet again until February 23<sup>rd</sup>. We would love to see some more local residents giving us a helping hand to keep the Leonard Wall Reserve and Providence Valley looking cared for, safe for our bush birds and animals and a joy for you all to walk through! Come and join us in the New Year.

**Vicki Martin – Convenor.**

**HOBART BAROQUE** 28 March - 5 April 2014

Explore the full program at [www.hobartbaroque.com.au](http://www.hobartbaroque.com.au)

**TICKETS ON SALE NOW!**

### MOUNT STUART GROWERS NEWS

Mount Stuart Growers has had a fantastic year and continues to grow, not only in numbers, but also in our knowledge of gardening. We have been visiting neighbours' gardens; gardens further afield (such as the Tasmanian



Community Garden at the Royal Botanical Gardens) and continue to discuss issues that affect us, not only in our own gardens, but as a wider community.

With a number of Mount Stuart residents keeping chickens in their backyards, we will continue to monitor developments in regard to the legislation around giving away and selling eggs. It would be a shame if we can't share excess eggs with our neighbours!



Another issue we are discussing is that of bushfire preparedness and the shared responsibility of the community, Hobart City Council and the Tasmania Fire Service. At our next get-together, we will be discussing how our choice of planting impacts upon this. Apart from the issues that we already consider when planting such as environment, water usage and lifestyle, we will be looking at the flammability ratings of certain plants. An unfortunate side effect of many drought tolerant Australian native plants, is that they can also be highly flammable and, with many of us living in close proximity to some fantastic bushland, this is worthy of consideration. Other garden related topics we will be covering over the coming months include looking after plants over the holidays, what to plant next and keeping kids involved in the garden.



If you would like to join Mount Stuart Growers to contribute, learn a little more about gardening yourself or just get to know some other gardening enthusiasts with varying levels of knowledge, please visit our website [www.mountstuartgrowers.com.au](http://www.mountstuartgrowers.com.au) or call Tamsin on 0438 427 456.

**Tamsin Singleton**

### THANKS



Thank you to all contributors to the newsletter and especially to all our deliverers, who clock up quite a few steps each edition. Also, a big thank you to Rob Valentine MLC for sponsoring the printing of each newsletter.

*Mount Stuart News is composed, printed and published on a voluntary basis as a community service. Whilst every effort is made to ensure that information contained herein is accurate, no warranty as to such accuracy can be given and any reader who relies on such information for any purpose whatsoever does so at his or her own risk.*